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GARDINER, Henry J.

b. Vassalboro, Maine, June 30, 1905.

Henry J. Gardner, author of LIP was born in Vassalboro, Maine, June 30, 1905. He moved to Augusta in 1912, and was educated in the Augusta grade schools (Nash, Lincoln, and Smith), graduating from Cony high-school in 1925.

After graduation he worked at various occupations, including sign painting. He studied some art (he still enjoys drawing, and is a charter member of the Kennebec Valley Art Assn.,) and became a regular Central Maine Power Company employee in 1937.

For fifteen years he was a first class lineman working out of the transmission department, and is now an employee of its substation system. He attends adult evening school at Cony to increase and further his education and knowledge of English grammar. He has been writing (on and off) for several years and LIP is his first published work.

February 3, 1960

Mr. Henry J. Gardiner
89 Grove Street
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Gardiner:

Thank you very much for inscribing and presenting to the Maine Author Collection a copy of your recently published collection of humor and philosophy.

It will be noted in the next issue of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, and we hope that its reception and sales are encouraging to you.

Our copy of LIP is being placed in the Maine Author Collection, and we hope that some day at your convenience you will be kind enough to let us have a brief biographical sketch. We like to have as complete information as possible on our authors.

Miss Hazelton examined the collection copy, having in mind your generous offer to place some on the bookmobiles; but she fears that we had best not avail ourselves of your kindness, because of the binding. Paperbound items do not stand up to very many circulations. Perhaps those who would have borrowed it through the library will instead buy copies!

Sincerely yours

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